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1. The UTC welcomes the WG2 / IRG initiative to define a Basic International CJK Subset.

2. The UTC notes that it will be important for any such proposed repertoire development to clearly identify the target audience intended for its use. We suggest the development of a requirements list so that the scope of the proposed repertoire can be assessed against the requirements. Suggested requirements would include:

   a. Basic CJK language needs, as far as basic educational character lists for Chinese, Japanese and Korean.
   b. Implementation categories such as use in PDAs, mobile phones kiosk applications, library automation, and popular publishing.

It is important not to aim the Basic International CJK Subset at all possible audiences, e.g., scholars, which would extend its scope too far.

3. The UTC notes that keeping the Basic International CJK Subset in the approximate rane of 7,000 characters would have many beneficial effects for implementation, memory footprints, and font size, while still providing adequate coverage for the vast majority of common CJK characters for all East Asian languages.

4. The UTC wishes to review the proposed Basic International CJK Subset in detail, but will need to have an actual proposed repertoire to be presented before this review can proceed.